

RALPH N. KLEPS AWARDS NOMINATIONS PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR 2002

1. Any individual, agency, or organization may submit a nomination.
2. Nominations must be submitted on the official form or reproduction. Forms may be accessed from Beth Shirk, Grants Program Analyst, (415) 865-7870, beth.shirk@jud.ca.gov, or downloaded from <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courtadmin/jc/>.
3. All nomination forms must be completed entirely with a response to all questions. You may also submit pertinent photos, tapes, manuals, software, etc. However, please fully describe the project on the application form itself. Please do not submit any materials that must be returned.
4. Each Superior Court may nominate up to two projects/activities (Los Angeles may nominate up to four projects/activities). Projects/activities may be re-nominated once.
5. The Kleps Award Committee will review nominations. The Judicial Council will make the final determination of award recipients.
6. The nomination must be received by the AOC electronically or by mail no later than **5:00 PM, Friday, August 9, 2002**. Faxed nominations will not be accepted.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

Awards will be presented during the California Judicial Administration Conference in 2003.

CONTACT PERSON:

Questions regarding the nomination process and awards should be directed to Beth Shirk, Grants Program Analyst, at (415) 865-7870, beth.shirk@jud.ca.gov.

RALPH N. KLEPS AWARDS CATEGORIES

Category 1 (2-6 AJP)

Alpine
Amador
Calaveras
Colusa
Del Norte
Glenn
Inyo
Lake
Lassen
Mariposa
Modoc

Mono
Plumas
San Benito
Sierra
Siskiyou
Sutter
Tehama
Trinity
Tuolumne
Yuba

Category 2 (7-19 AJP)

Butte
El Dorado
Humboldt
Imperial
Kings
Madera
Marin
Mendocino
Merced
Napa
Nevada

Placer
San Luis Obispo
Santa Cruz
Shasta
Yolo

Category 3 (20-49 AJP)

Contra Costa
Fresno
Kern
Monterey
San Joaquin
Santa Barbara
San Mateo

Solano
Sonoma
Stanislaus
Tulare
Ventura

Category 4 (50+ AJP)

Alameda
Los Angeles
Orange
Riverside
Sacramento

San Bernardino
San Diego
Santa Clara
San Francisco

Category 5 Appellate Courts

Judicial Council of California Strategic Plan

Goals

Goal I

ACCESS, FAIRNESS, AND DIVERSITY

All Californians will have equal access to the courts and equal ability to participate in court proceedings, and will be treated in a fair and just manner. Members of the judicial branch community will reflect the rich diversity of the state's residents.

Goal II

INDEPENDENCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The judiciary will be an institutionally independent, separate branch of government that responsibly seeks, uses, and accounts for public resources necessary for its support. The independence of judicial decision-making will be protected.

Goal III

MODERNIZATION OF MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Justice will be administered in a timely, efficient, and effective manner that utilizes contemporary management practices; innovative ideas; highly competent judges, other judicial officers, and staff; and adequate facilities.

Goal IV

QUALITY OF JUSTICE AND SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC

Judicial branch services will be responsive to the needs of the public and will enhance the public's understanding and use of and its confidence in the judiciary.

Goal V

EDUCATION

The effectiveness of judges, court personnel, and other judicial branch staff will be enhanced through high-quality continuing education and professional development.

Goal VI

TECHNOLOGY

Technology will enhance the quality of justice by improving the ability of the judicial branch to collect, process, analyze, and share information and by increasing the public's access to information about the judicial branch.

Please refer to the following web site to view the complete Strategic Plan.

http://courtinfo.ca.gov/reference/2_stratplans.htm#Leading%20Justice

RALPH N. KLEPS AWARD NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY

Title of Project _____

Court _____

Project Contact _____

Phone (Area Code) _____ Email _____

Court Media Contact _____

Phone (Area Code) _____ Email _____

Project Description

Brief synopsis of project, approximately six sentences that will be used in press releases:

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NOMINATION

Court _____

Presiding Judge _____

Project Location/Address _____

Project Contact (Name/Title) _____

Phone (Area Code) _____ Email _____

SUBMITTED BY

Name _____

Title _____

Telephone (Area Code) _____ Email _____

NOMINATION CATEGORY: Number _____

PROJECT TITLE _____

- 1) Briefly describe the activity or project. (*If you would like to include a more detailed description or additional materials, please attach these at the end of this form.*)

- 2) Describe the origins of the project. What outcome was it designed to achieve?

- 3) Explain in what ways the project represents innovation in court practice.

- 6) Describe how the project is transferable (applicable) to other courts, and your recommendation for how information about this project could best be disseminated to other courts in the state.